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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write today out of concern over the settlement of the Microsoft antitrust suit. I support the settlement you reached. It is past time to get this atrocious lawsuit over with. It is better to grow, better to build, better to innovate, than to destroy. Microsoft has grown its business from nothing, built the best software in the world, and introduced amazing innovations to worldwide audience of computer users. Let's stop the ankle biters who want to destroy Microsoft.

Now, with the settlement, Microsoft will become even a better partner to its industry. Sharing internal interfaces and server protocols, while also licensing other intellectual property on reasonable terms; renouncing the standard business practice of exclusive marketing contracts; building flexibility to substitute non-Microsoft software in Windows; publishing a uniform pricing list for large competitors; and having an oversight committee visit its facilities to monitor the situation for five years will lead to growth of the Windows community of companies.

I support the settlement and look forward to the end of this case.

Sincerely,

Eugene Cook

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